

## Unemployment

- “Kentucky’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 5.7 percent for May was lower than the 5.8 percent recorded for April, according to the Department for Employment Services, a Cabinet for Workforce Development agency. In May 2002, the state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also was 5.7 percent. The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate in May increased to 6.1 percent from 6 percent in April. Kentucky’s unemployment rate has either been 5.7 percent or 5.8 percent each of the past four months,” said Carlos Cracraft, the department’s chief labor market analyst. “May marked the 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive month that Kentucky’s unemployment rate has been lower than the U.S. unemployment rate.”
- In the Cumberlands WIA, the unemployment rate fell from 7.0% in April 2003 to 6.2% in May 2003.

### KENTUCKY LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED PRELIMINARY MAY 2003

	Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate		
				May 2003	April 2003	May 2002
<b>Cumberlands</b>	<b>133,487</b>	<b>125,202</b>	<b>8,285</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>6.9</b>
Adair	8,136	7,796	340	4.2	5.0	4.2
Casey	7,189	6,679	510	7.1	7.0	7.8
Clinton	6,436	5,921	515	8.0	8.2	7.5
Cumberland	2,870	2,712	158	5.5	10.2	5.2
Green	4,735	4,424	311	6.6	8.7	6.1
Laurel	24,824	23,110	1,714	6.9	6.8	5.8
McCreary	6,278	5,736	542	8.6	9.5	10.0
Pulaski	27,659	26,049	1610	5.8	6.3	7.2
Rockcastle	6,124	5,871	253	4.1	4.8	6.4
Russell	6,016	5,587	429	7.1	9.5	9.7
Taylor	9,612	9,025	587	6.1	10.0	7.7
Wayne	8,930	8,451	479	5.4	5.8	6.0
Whitley	14,678	13,841	837	5.7	5.3	7.6
Statewide*	1,993,270	1,883,966	109,304	5.5	5.6	5.5
U.S. Rate*				5.8	5.8	5.5

Source: Kentucky Department for Employment Services

\*The data contained in the charts above are not seasonally adjusted. County unemployment rates are comparable to the non-seasonally adjusted Kentucky statewide and U.S. unemployment rates in the chart above.

Unemployment in the Cumberland WIA  
1990 through 2003

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
1990	8.9%	8.7%	7.4%	6.7%	6.2%	6.4%	7.6%	6.1%	7.1%	8.5%	8.2%	8.4%	7.5%
1991	11.2%	13.5%	10.1%	9.6%	8.7%	8.6%	9.3%	7.8%	7.7%	8.3%	8.9%	9.3%	9.4%
1992	11.4%	11.4%	9.6%	8.0%	7.9%	8.0%	7.6%	7.3%	8.1%	9.0%	7.6%	7.2%	8.6%
1993	9.2%	8.6%	8.3%	7.5%	6.8%	7.0%	6.7%	6.5%	6.7%	6.9%	7.6%	7.2%	7.4%
1994	8.6%	8.6%	7.2%	6.3%	5.9%	6.4%	5.8%	5.3%	5.7%	6.2%	6.2%	6.0%	6.5%
1995	7.1%	7.7%	6.6%	5.7%	5.9%	6.2%	6.1%	5.4%	5.8%	6.5%	7.5%	7.5%	6.5%
1996	9.8%	9.2%	7.9%	7.2%	7.0%	7.7%	8.3%	6.8%	7.1%	7.8%	8.3%	8.0%	7.9%
1997	10.6%	9.9%	9.0%	7.9%	7.6%	8.0%	7.7%	6.8%	6.8%	9.0%	8.9%	9.1%	8.4%
1998	11.5%	11.5%	10.1%	8.8%	9.3%	9.5%	9.8%	9.7%	9.9%	10.2%	9.6%	9.0%	9.9%
1999	10.3%	9.7%	8.6%	7.1%	6.9%	6.7%	6.1%	5.8%	5.9%	5.6%	5.7%	5.3%	7.0%
2000*	6.6%	6.8%	5.5%	4.6%	4.5%	4.5%	4.3%	4.1%	4.2%	4.5%	4.9%	5.4%	5.0%
2001*	7.0%	7.1%	6.9%	7.2%	6.7%	6.5%	7.1%	6.3%	6.6%	6.9%	7.1%	7.1%	6.9%
2002*	9.1%	9.1%	7.6%	7.0%	6.9%	6.6%	6.9%	5.9%	5.8%	6.1%	6.5%	6.4%	7.0%
2003	7.9%	8.1%	7.3%	7.0%	6.2%								

Source: Kentucky Department for Employment Services

\* Data has been benchmarked

May 2003 data is preliminary

